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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2005.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 16, 19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 16, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed January 19, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argued that the combination of Markki and Malki does not disclose the mobile node maintaining a binding list when the mobile network is a home network of the mobile node. However, in Markki the mobile node has a care-of-address to be reached through the mobile router (para. 6) when the mobile router is at the home network of the mobile node (para. 47, lines 1-2). Yet, Markki does not specifically disclose the mobile node maintaining a binding list. Malki teaches the mobile node maintaining binding update list (para. 54, last nine lines; para. 55, lines 1-3; para. 56, lines 1-3) in achieving seamless and faster handoffs. Thus, the combination of Markki and Malki teaches a mobile node maintaining a binding update when the mobile network is the home network of the mobile node.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 16, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Markki et al. (US 2003/0117965) in view of Malki et al. (US 2001/0046223).

1. Regarding claims 16 and 19, Markki discloses in a communication system supporting mobile IP (abstract, lines 1-2), where a mobile node (fig. 1, MN) connects to a network infrastructure (internet) via a gateway router (router represented by a circled "X" connecting the MN to the internet), a method comprising the mobile node attaching to a mobile gateway router (fig. 2, item 115) associated with a mobile network which is a home network of the mobile node (para. 47, lines 1-2). However, Markki does not disclose the mobile node determining that it is

attached to the mobile gateway router, determining a home address of the mobile gateway router, obtaining a care-of-address comprising the home address of the mobile gateway router, sending the care-of-address to the home agent of the mobile node, and maintaining a binding update list of correspondent nodes that the mobile node has been communicating with. Malki discloses a mobile node determining that it is attached to a mobile gateway router (figs. 2-3; para 32, lines 1-5), determining a care-of-address that is the home address of the mobile gateway node (para. 32, lines 6-10), sending the care-of-address to the home agent of the mobile node (para. 32, lines 15-19), and maintaining an inherent binding update list of correspondent nodes that the mobile node has been communicating with (para. 32, lines 18-19). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to self-register the mobility of a mobile node with a home agent in the invention of Markki in order to enhance mobility registration by controlling network messages by the mobile node (Malki, para. 54, last nine lines). Further regarding claim 19, the mobile node of Malki is a mobile router (note: the mobile node performs Internet routing functions by forwarding IP packets to correspondent nodes -- para. 9, lines 8-10).

2. Regarding claim 20, in Markki the mobile node (fig. 2 MN) is detached from the mobile network (para. 49, lines 1-2).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the

THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-3166. The examiner can normally be reached weekdays from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema S. Rao, can be reached at 571-272-3174. The centralized fax number for the Patent Office is 571-273-8300. For non-official communications, the examiner's personal fax number is 571-273-3166 and the examiner's e-mail address is kevin.harper@uspto.gov.

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